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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OAU PRESS RELEASE, OCTOBER 6:

QUOTE:

PRESS RELEASE

MR. MOYNIHAN HAS EVERYTHING TO GAIN BY BEHAVING IN A
MORE RESPONSIBLE MANNER.

THE AFRICAN GROUP AT THE UNITED NATIONS LEARNT WITH
INDIGNATION THROUGH THE WIDELY READ PAPER, THE NEW YORK TIMES,
OF OCTOBER 4, 1975, OF THE COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE PERMANENT
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USA TO THE UN, DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN,
COMMENTS WHICH CONSTITUTE UNCIVIL ATTACKS AGAINST MARSHAL
IDI AMIN DADA, PRESIDENT OF UGANDA AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

IF IT IS TRUE THAT MOYNIHAN HAS ENDORSED A DESCRIPTION
MADE OF MARSHAL IDI AMIN BY A JOURNALIST OF THE "TIMES" WHICH
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DEPICTS THE UGANDA HEAD OF STATE AS A "RACIST MURDERER", WE

HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO RECKON THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES NOT ONLY CONSTITUTES A DELIBERATE ACT OF PROVOCATION AGAINST PRESIDENT AMIN AND UNFRIENDLY TOWARDS THE OAU BUT THAT IT ALSO BORDERS IRRESPONSIBILITY AND INDICATES A SERIOUS LACK OF CONSCIOUSNESS WHICH IF NOT REMEDIED ON TIME, THREATENS TO DANGEROUSLY UNDERMINE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MEMBERS OF THE OAU.

THE FACT THAT AN ILL-ADVISED JOURNALIST DESCRIBES PRESIDENT AMIN AS A "RACIST MURDERER" COULD BE UNDERSTOOD IN VIEW OF THE INFLUENCE OF ZIONISM ON THE AMERICAN MASS MEDIA AND ESPECIALLY THE NEW YORK PRESS, BUT THAT A STATESMAN OF THE RANK OF MOYNIHAN ENDORSES SUCH A STATEMENT AND ALLOWS HIMSELF TO MAKE MALICIOUS INSINUATIONS WHICH PRECISELY CONFIRM WHAT PRESIDENT AMIN SAID ON THE TOTAL CONTROL OF INTERNATIONAL ZIONISM ON THE USA, THIS INDICATES A REGRETTABLE SLIGHTNESS AND DISRESPECT TOWARDS AN AFRICAN HEAD OF STATE. WITH THE DISPLAY OF SUCH AN ATTITUDE THE AFRICAN GROUP CANNOT REMAIN SILENT. THE AFRICAN GROUP DOES NOT ENTERTAIN ANY ILLUSION AS TO THE AIM OF THE MOYNIHAN INSINUATIONS, WHICH ATTEMPT TO COVER THE VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHETHER THEY TAKE PLACE IN SPAIN, ISRAEL OR SOUTH AFRICA.

IS IT NECESSARY TO REMIND MR. MOYNIHAN, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST COUNTRY, THAT THE ELEMENTARY RULES OF HOSPITALITY REQUIRE THAT HE ABSTAINS FROM ANY UNCIVIL COMMENT AGAINST A HEAD OF STATE VISITING NEW YORK?

HOWEVER, THE COMMENTS WHICH ARE ATTRIBUTED TO MR. MOYNIHAN CANNOT BUT ENLIGHTEN MORE AND MORE THE AFRICAN GROUP ON THE AGGRESSIVE STATEMENTS MADE PREVIOUSLY. IF MOYNIHAN WISHES TO BASE HIS STRATEGY AT THE UN ON DISRESPECT, AIRY AND IRRESPONSIBLE MANNER, LET HIM KNOW HENCEFORTH THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP WILL NOT LET ITSELF BE INTIMIDATED AND WILL IMPOSE THE RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION TO BE EXPECTED FROM THE MEMBER STATES AT THE UN AND ESPECIALLY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE USA. IF THE COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO MOYNIHAN COULD BE CONFIRMED, THEN ONE WOULD WONDER IF THE REPRESENTS ZIONISM AT THE UN OR THE UNITED

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STATES?

IF HE CONFUSES BETWEEN HIS MISSION AT THE UN AND THE DEFENCE OF ZIONISM, THEN IT WOULD BE MORE ADVISABLE FOR MR. MOYNIHAN TO GO TO ISRAEL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE INSTEAD OF CONTINUING TO CAST A SLUR ON THE HONORABILITY AND RESPECTABILITY OF A GREAT POWER SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES, BECAUSE SUCH STATEMENTS OF A PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE WHICH

PUBLICLY LACK COURTESY AND RESPECT TOWARDS AN AFRICAN HEAD
OF STATE AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU, CANNOT CONTRIBUTE
TO THE ATMOSPHERE OF DIALOGUE WHICH THE US GOVERNMENT IS
TRYING TO CREATE.

THE AFRICAN GROUP EXPRESSES ITS TOTAL SOLIDARITY AND
ACTING SUPPORT TO THE STATEMENT MADE IN THIS CONNECTION BY
THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF UGANDA AND SEIZES THE OPPORTUNITY
TO REMIND MOYNIHAN THAT EACH PROFESSION HAS ITS RULES
AND THAT IN DIPLOMACY, COURTESY IS THE GOLDEN PRIORITY*
MOYNIHAN HAS CONSEQUENTLY ALL TO HIS ADVANTAGE TO RECONSIDER
HIS ATTITUDE*

FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO LISTEN - OPEN YOUR EARS.

TIAMIOU ABJIBADE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
DAHOMEY TO THE UN
CHAIRMAN OF THE AFRICAN GROUP

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